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NANOCARBON, AND METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING FIBROUS
NANOCARBON

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- d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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U.S. 4,855,091; EP0198558A2; & CA 1,313,732 correspond to
JP 61-239019 & DE 3688209T2

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WO 86/03455 corresponds to JP 2588626

5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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